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Dear Senator Cranston:

Thank you for your inquiry of March 8 on behalf of Mr. Gregorio Rodriguez concerning his claim to monies owed him by the People's Temple.

We regret that we cannot be of much direct assistance to your constituent. The suit filed by the Department of Justice against the People's Temple is an attempt to recover federal funds expended in removing and processing the bodies brought from Guyana to the United States. However, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California has instituted legal proceedings for the dissolution of the People's Temple in the California Superior Court, and it may be possible for Mr. Rodriguez to file a claim for his property either in connection with those proceedings or by filing suit himself against the People's Temple. Mr. Rodriguez may wish to contact the California Attorney General's office for further details.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
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